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**RESPONSE AFTER FINAL OFFICE ACTION
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EXAMINING GROUP 2163
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Sir:

This is in response to the final Office Action mailed February 3, 2009, and having a period for response set to expire on May 3, 2009. This response is filed by two months from the mailing date of the final Office Action by April 3, 2009.

The following amendments and remarks are respectfully submitted. Entry of the claim amendments and reconsideration of the amended claims is respectfully requested, because claims rejected for indefiniteness are cancelled, and the remarks clarify the patentably distinguishing features of the present invention over the relied upon references without requiring further search to place the application either in condition for allowance or simplify issues for appeal.